



Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force
March 3, 2010
10:00 a.m.

State Capitol Executive Tower, Second Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force was convened on March 3, 2010 at the State Capitol Executive Tower Second Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force:

Methamphetamine Task Force Members Present (12):

Rich Rosky, Acting Chair (HIDTA Coordinator, NMCI Southwest Meth Initiative)
Billie Grobe (Chief Probation Officer, Yavapai County)
Brant Benham (Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau, Arizona Department of Public Safety)
Dean Wright (Compliance Officer, Arizona State Board of Pharmacy)
Gerald Richard on behalf of Jane Irvine (Director, Community Outreach and Education, Arizona Attorney General's Office)
Jennie Lagunas (Interagency Services Manager, Arizona Department of Health Services)
Karen Hellman (Administrator Addiction and Treatment Services, Arizona Department of Corrections)
Mark Ewy (Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinator, Arizona Department of Economic Security)
Martha Huffstetler (ATR Program Manager, Cope Community Services, Inc)
Ron Dalrymple (Executive Director, Arizona Board of Technical Registration)
Steve Tyrrell (Program Manager, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts)
Tony Vidale (Program Manager, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)

Members Absent (10):

Anthony Coulson, Chair (Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration)
Captain George Rodriguez (Tucson Metropolitan Counter Narcotics Alliance)
Carol Chicharello (AHCCCS, Tribal Relations Liaison)
Don Sherrard (Phoenix Police Department)
Hope McDonald Lonetree (Councilwoman, 20th Navajo Nation Council)
John Dempsey (Chief Administrator, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)
Scott Cocuzza (Business and Community Member)
Sylvia Homer (Colorado River Indian Tribe Methamphetamine Coalition)
Vacant (Prevention Education Specialist, Arizona Department of Education)
Warren Koontz (Inter Tribal Council)

Public members (10):

Angela Baldasare (Pima Prevention Partnership)
Briana Kreibich (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Christine Totura (Pima Prevention Partnership)
Cindy Daugherty (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Debbie Manuel (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community)
Emily Winas (GOCYF-Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Lisa Vardian (Board of Technical Registration)

Sonya Pierce- Johnson (GOCYF- Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Tonya Hamilton (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Richard Rosky called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Rosky welcomed and praised members for the ongoing efforts of the working groups. Mr. Rosky introduced two new members to the Task Force, Ms. Karen Hellman from the Arizona Department of Corrections and Ms. Martha Huffstetler from Cope Community Services, Inc. Mr. Rosky requested that members and the public introduce themselves.

C. ASAP UPDATE

Mr. Rosky asked Ms. Jeanne Blackburn to discuss the 2010 Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Strategic Plan. Ms. Blackburn reviewed the plan noting this is a dynamic document that has been revised following several meetings with key members of ASAP. The overriding principals of the plan include a focus on prevention, treatment and recovery. In addition, the plan incorporates monitoring emerging trends, cultural competency and data-driven decision making throughout all focus areas. Ms. Blackburn noted that ASAP will meet tomorrow to discuss this document further, and any suggestions from the Meth Task Force should be filtered through their agencies representative on ASAP, and then the Governor's Office.

D. 2010 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION STEPS

Mr. Rosky provided an update on activities that have occurred following the last meeting regarding the revised recommendation to go prescription only for pseudoephedrine. He noted the current Maricopa HIDTA investigation that has been going on for two years; and has resulted in four search warrants and eleven indictments. Individuals were smurfing pseudoephedrine in Arizona and supplying the precursor chemicals to support super labs run by cartels in California. Methamphetamine was then trafficked back into Arizona for distribution. Mr. Rosky has presented to the Arizona Associations of Chiefs of Police as well as several cities to garner support for the prescription only recommendation.

Ms. Kreibich reviewed the 2009 outcomes for the task force and discussed the proposed 2010 recommendations. Ms. Kreibich noted the success of the task force in implementation of the recommendations. However, there are five specific priority recommendations remaining that require additional attention. Members discussed the five recommendations. Please see attached 2010 Priority Recommendation document.

Mr. Rosky called members' attention to the 2010 Plan for Action: Addressing Methamphetamine Crisis in Arizona. Members reviewed the 2010 Plan; **Mr. Richard motioned to approve minutes as written, Mr. Benham seconded the motion. The motion was carried with no objections.**

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rosky called members' attention to the previous meeting minutes. Members reviewed the minutes; **Mr. Benham motioned to approve minutes as written, Mr. Ewy seconded the motion. The motion was carried with no objections.**

F. RURAL METH GRANT

Ms. Kreibich discussed Arizona's application for the Rural Law Enforcement Meth Initiative. She noted that several members agencies met following the last meeting to draft the application that focused on expanding intelligence led policing among rural and tribal law enforcement. Ms. Kreibich mentioned that her office would be notified this week whether it was awarded; she will notify members either way.

G. ACCESS TO RECOVERY

Ms. Tonya Hamilton provided an update on the current Access to Recovery grant. She notes the success of the program and provided members current data on participants (see attached). Mr. Tyrell asked for clarification on some of the CPT codes that are billed through the grant. It is clarified that the "other" category includes short and long term residential treatment and "medical" includes dental work. Ms. Hamilton stated the Governor's Office will request a no-cost extension in the summer that would extend the program one additional year. Ms. Grobe and Ms. Huffstetler express their success with the ATR program in their counties.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration-Center for Substance Abuse Treatment released a Request for Grant Application (RGA) for Access to Recovery cohort three, which could provide up to four million per year for up to four years for states that are awarded. This RGA requires the application to be submitted by the Single State Authority on Substance Abuse, which is Dr. Rodgers Wilson with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). Ms. Lagunas discussed the ADHS application. She noted the program will give priority to adults involved in the Arizona Department of Corrections and veterans; a portion will be set aside for youth with a substance abuse issue. It is the intent to work in several counties and serve 4,000 clients with any substance abuse issue if awarded. The application is due March 10, 2010 and ADHS will continue to keep the task force updated on the progress.

H. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Rosky thanks members for their participation in the meeting, and notes the next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2010.

I. OTHER ITEMS

Ms. Grobe referred members to the Save the Date in their packets for MATForce conference. She notes the conference will work to create and expand collaboration among criminal justice and treatment communities.

Ms. Kreibich notified members that Mr. Jim Copple will no longer be on contract to provide technical assistance to this body. However, the Governor's Office will still receive assistance through the eight state methamphetamine initiatives.

J. CALL TO PUBLIC

Mr. Rosky made a call to the public and there was no response.

K. ADJOURN

Mr. Rosky adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.